



To: All OCS Alumni Members via Class Orderlies' Network and OCS Website at: www.ocsportsea.org

PROPOSED STATUE – PROGRESS REPORT No 12



References:

- A. Statue Proposal sent to Class Orderlies for Distribution on 1 Feb 2019.
- B. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 9 dated 18th February 2020.
- C. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 10 dated 31st March 2020.
- D. Email dated 23 April 2020 from Paul Asbury – Call In of Pledges.
- E. Proposed Statue Project ~ Progress Report No 11 dated 3rd May 2020.

Organising Committee Members:
 Since Reference A was distributed the Organising Committee now consists of:

- Ossie Kleinig ~ OCS Class of Dec '57 and Co-ordinator of OCS Project 2013.
- Paul Asbury ~ OCS Class of Dec '67. Co-founder with Bob de Haas [dec'd] of OCS Alumni and Administrator of the Alumni.
- Terry Dinneen ~ OCS Class of Jun '63.
- Kevin Lunny ~ OCS Class of Dec '64.
- John Wilson ~ OCS Class of Dec '66. President of the Rye RSL and Local Parks Victoria Liaison Team Member.
- Robin McBride ~ OCS Class of Jun '68. With John a Local Parks Victoria Liaison Team Member.

- Finance Sub-Committee**
- ❖ Ossie Kleinig ~ Sub-Committee Chair.
 - ❖ John Matthews ~ OCS Class of Jun '78 ~ Finance Sub Committee Member.
 - ❖ Geoff Robinson ~ OCS Class of Jun '85 ~ Finance Sub Committee Member.
 - ❖ Graham Cobb ~ OCS Class of Dec '65 ~ Internal Auditor.

Specialist Volunteers: Hilton Lenard ~ OCS Class of Jun '68. Grants Team Leader.

- Bob Elworthy ~ OCS Class of Dec '73. Grants Team.
- Kevin Dreyer ~ OCS Class of Jun '67. NZ Rep ~ Grants Team.
- Rob Murray ~ OCS Class of Dec '72. OCS Alumni Webmaster.

Statue Approval

On 22 April 2020, John Wilson and Robin McBride received the signed approval of the Licence Agreement from the Victorian Government through Parks Victoria. Our Local Liaison Team of John Wilson and Robin McBride are actively seeking final clearances for Parks Victoria from the following:

- The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council [in hand],
- Heritage Victoria,

- Victorian Department of Environment ~ Marine and Coastal Authority, and
 - The Bunurong Land Council and Aboriginal Corporation [meeting results soon],
- Once the above are received, Parks Victoria will be able to authorise the commencement of the Statue Project.

Call-In of Pledges ~ Results

The call in of pledges commenced on 23 April as notified in Reference D. After this had time to be circulated by Class Orderlies, it was placed on the Alumni website.

Daily totals are being promulgated on the Alumni website – www.ocsportsea.org

For historical purposes, the record the OCS Alumni's **progressive daily Totals So Far [TSF]** from Day 10 onwards [see Progress Report No 11 for TSF up to and including Day 10] is in response to the 23 Apr 2020 call-in of pledges. These are as follows:

- Day 10 ~ TSF: 03 May \$80949:64
- Day 11 ~ TSF: 04 May \$91,081:55
- Day 12 ~ TSF: 05 May \$96,276:41
- Day 13 ~ TSF: 06 May \$100,800:00
- Day 14 ~ TSF: 07 May \$105,758:00
- Day 15 ~ TSF: 08 May \$107,085:00
- Day 16 ~ TSF: 09 May \$107,985:93
- Day 17 ~ TSF: 10 May \$107,985:93
- Day 18 ~ TSF: 11 May \$109,755:93
- Day 19 ~ TSF: 12 May \$109,955:93
- Day 20 ~ TSF: 13 May \$113.000:00
- Day 21 ~ TSF: 14 May \$113,300:00
- Day 22 ~ TSF: 15 May \$ 113,500:00
- Day 23 ~ TSF: 16 May \$113,650:00
- Day 24 ~ TSF: 17 May \$113,650:00
- Day 25 ~ TSF: 18 May \$115,130:01
- Day 26 ~ TSF: 19 May \$115,130:01
- Day 27 ~ TSF: 20 May \$115,130:01
- Day 28 ~ TSF: 21 MAY \$117,650:00
- Day 29 ~ TSF: 22 May \$117,750:00
- Day 30 ~ TSF: 23 May \$119,284:00
- Day 31 ~ TSF: 24 May \$119,284:00

This has been an amazing response by all, and the Committee recognises the efforts everyone, including some non-Graduates and ex-Staff, has taken to ensure success of this project. This outstanding Alumni fund-raising effort has now catered [for an expanded vision over and above the Statue Project at Portsea that included its construction, installation and landscaping](#) as follows:

- Conducting an Unveiling Ceremony on completion of the above dependent on COVID 19 restrictions. [Previously planned for, but now being formulated in detail].
- In co-operation with Parks Victoria, incorporating an OCS History into its Information Centre. Parks Victoria is still to develop its overall concept for this Centre. No commitment has been made by the Organising Committee to date.
- Other funds can now be allocated to Alumni assets for developing the following:
 - ❖ OCS Alumni Website development [happening now].
 - ❖ Assisting in producing Neville Lindsay's on-line OCS History ~ "Loyalty and Service". [Happening now].

Challenges

Current restrictions are also likely to impact on future activities including possible future site inspections during the installation and landscaping phase and, not least of all, limiting participation at major events. We are hopeful that these will not have significant impacts on the overall project and proposed events.

The Next Steps

While restrictions remain in place, the dates for this phase remain uncertain. However, we consider the following activities will be necessary:

- Final clearances received to allow the signing of the contracts with Everlon Bronze and The Headstone Company. [See **Statue Approval** Process in the lead paragraph to this Progress Report].
- Signing of the Contracts to be completed by the very latest 30 June 2020. If we don't meet this deadline, an extension will be sought.
- Statue Cast: Completion date to be advised by Everlon Bronze but early advice indicates a five-month manufacturing period at least. However, concurrent on-site preparation can be carried out before the final installation and landscape plan completes the project [The Headstone Company].
- Unveiling Ceremony – Date to be advised.

Unveiling Ceremony

Unless restrictions are still in place this ceremony will be planned to ensure maximum attendance by graduates, ex-staff and the community. There will be a lead time to ensure that we are able to secure a suitable dignitary for this special event plus allow graduates to plan travel arrangements.

The ceremony will allow for a separate self-funded Alumni or Class Orientated evening function/s to be organised around the day event. The Alumni Function will be coordinated by the Statue Organising Committee while Class Functions will be a Class responsibility. Details will be advised as dates become firmer. The Alumni Evening Function is proposed to be held at the Rye RSL which has a 200 seating capacity. [The Alumni Function will depend on numbers interested and, if feasible, will be subject to a separate instruction].

Additional Scope of Work

The Committee has included an additional amount to enable recording of the unveiling ceremony and the development of an audio-visual documentation of the OCS history for inclusion at the National Park Information Centre. The details of the final scope of work are still to be finalised for this stage of the project as the focus has been on getting approval for and construction of the statue.

Other Alumni News

➤ Website Development

It would be remiss of me if I again didn't re-iterate in this report the amazing work that our Webmaster, Rob Murray [OCS Class of Dec '72], is doing/has done in the website rebuild. A lot of this work is now being produced and will be up on the site shortly. Some is!

One major effort that Rob has now completed is the Operational Deployments that Australian Army OCS Graduates have undertaken since the first course right through to the present day. Check out the website at www.ocsportsea.org under the menu heading "Historical Connections" and scroll down to "Operational Deployments".

I think many Alumni Members will be absolutely amazed at the extent of deployments undertaken by our OCS Australian Army Graduates. RAAF and International Graduate Deployments have NOT been covered, but it is hoped that these Alumni Members will respond in like-fashion to Rob's initiative.

➤ Loyalty and Service – Web Version

A further task Rob has taken on is working with Colonel Neville Lindsay [Retd] to update the OCS History **Loyalty and Service** as a website inclusion and an eBook. The Print Copy is now a rare item and this work will make it available on the website for all. Rob has mentioned this in passing on our Website's "Welcome" page. The site has been developed and we are currently waiting on advice for a **'soft'** launch. Keep an eye on your emails and the website for more information.

Ossie Kleinig

For and on behalf of the Statue Organising Committee

24th May 2020